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Sir:

An IDS was filed on February 11, 1999 in the above referenced Application listing a two references, one as an abstract. In the copy reviewed by the Examiner and returned to Applicants, WO 9849273 A1 was not initialed and was lined through. (Please see attached copy). A handwritten note beside the application number states "was not disclosed with the application." (See attached Form PTO 1449, considered September 13, 1999).


Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the reference, as the office has not provided any valid reason for dismissing it. Applicants provide a clean copy of the original Form PTO 1449 and a copy of the reference and request that the Examiner's consider the reference and return a fully initialed copy of Form PTO 1449.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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